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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## **IOWA GAS STATIONS CAN EARN \$25,000 FOR OFFERING E85**

Iowa gas retailers can receive up to \$25,000 for installing an E85 (85 percent ethanol, 15 percent gasoline) pump at their stations. The National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition, an association of ethanol advocacy groups, is sponsoring the funding program.

“This is a great opportunity for Iowa retailers to help increase E85 use in our state,” said Jennifer Moehlmann, program planner with the DNR. “More than 22,000 vehicles in Iowa have the capability of using E85, and expanding our fueling infrastructure is important for serving those vehicles.”

E85 can be used in specially designed vehicles called FFVs (Flexible Fuel Vehicles) that can run on E85, E10 (10 percent ethanol, 90 percent gasoline) or regular gasoline. Several major car manufacturers currently make models of FFVs, including many current sedans, mini-vans and pick-up trucks.

Currently, Iowa has eight fueling stations in Ames, Council Bluffs, Garner, Sergeant Bluff, Lake Mills, Northwood, West Des Moines and West Burlington.

According to Moehlmann, the best additional locations for E85 pumps may be in Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Bettendorf, Iowa City, or Dubuque, where no E85 fueling sites currently exist.

“The Iowa DNR and other agencies and organizations can provide assistance and expertise to help stations interested in offering E85,” said Moehlmann.

To receive funds through the NEVC, fueling stations will need to provide a 33 percent cost share, offer E85 for at least four years, and obtain a commitment to use E85 from a

local vehicle fleet. Applications may be downloaded at [www.e85fuel.com/application.htm](http://www.e85fuel.com/application.htm) and are due by January 16, 2003.

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## **MOUNT PLEASANT FISH KILL INVESTIGATION PROGRESSING**

DES MOINES – The DNR’s field investigation of a fish kill northeast of Mount Pleasant is complete, but investigators are awaiting lab results before naming any definite source of the kill.

“Based on visual observations of a field tile, we are considering a discharge due to land application of manure from the New London dairy as a contributing factor,” said Mark Heiderscheid, an environmental specialist in the DNR field office in Washington.

A field test showed high ammonia levels in the tile line. The tile drains a field where dairy manure was applied around Thanksgiving.

It's difficult to determine an exact cause due to other possible sources, the time factor, ice conditions and low water levels, all of which may cause low oxygen levels, Heiderscheid added.

Investigators also checked the continuous discharge coming from Mt. Pleasant’s two-cell wastewater treatment lagoon, but will not have lab results back for a few weeks.

Dead carp and minnows along with a few buffalo, white sucker, green sunfish and bullheads were found along six and quarter miles of Big Creek in Henry County, both above and below the Mt. Pleasant wastewater lagoon.

Determining the number of fish killed will not be possible because of ice cover. An estimate of the number and species of fish killed will be derived from known populations in similar streams.

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## **EPC AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 16**

DES MOINES — The Environmental Protection Commission will discuss floodplain rules for animal feeding operations and criteria for approval of water quality standards at its Dec. 16 meeting.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the DNR office, 7900 Hickman Road in Urbandale. Public participation is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

Two proposals on how frequently counties would need to notify the DNR that they want to participate in evaluating livestock sites could potentially be considered.

An appointment is scheduled at 11 a.m. with Steve Roe, Little Sioux Corn Processors.

- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes for November 18, 2002
- Director's Remarks
- Agreement - Bi-State Regional Commission - Voluntary Ozone Reduction Activities
- Contract - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Water Quality Monitoring
- Final Rule - Chapter 107, Beverage Container Deposits (Amendments)
- Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 116, Registration of Waste Tire Haulers (Rescission of old and adoption of new)
- Contract - Solid Waste Alternatives Recommendations
- Annual Compliance Report - 2001 - State of Iowa Public Drinking Water Program
- 2002 Section 303(d) List
- Emergency Rule - Chapter 64 Wastewater Construction and Operation Permits (Amendment)
- Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 61, Water Quality Standards and Chapter 72, Criteria for Approval (Class A Division and E Coli Based Standard)
- Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 65 Animal Feeding Operations, Chapter 70, Flood Plain Development; Chapter 71, Flood Plain or Floodway Development - When Approval is Required; Chapter 72, Criteria for Approval (Confinement Feeding Operations on Floodplains)
- Final Rule - Chapter 65, Animal Feeding Operations (County Construction Review Resolutions) [**Tabled**]
- Referral to Attorney General  
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- Monthly Reports
- General Discussion
- Items for the Next Meeting

The members of the commission are Kathryn Murphy, Chair, LeMars; Terrance Townsend, Newton; Lisa Davis-Cook, West Des Moines; Rita Venner, Breda; Gary C. Priebe, Algona; Darrell Hanson, Manchester; J. Kelly Tobin, New Market and Lori Glanzman, Mt. Pleasant. The director of the DNR is Jeff Vonk.

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